

(b) the estimated amount to be spent for each railway station, separately;

(c) the targets fixed for modernisation of those railway stations where the work is already in progress;

(d) whether the work of modernisation of railway stations is expected to be completed by the end of current financial year;

(e) if so, the details in this regard;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the expenditure incurred on modernisation/maintenance of railway stations in Delhi during the last three Years station-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (f) A list of stations where major modernisation works have been taken up in Delhi is as under :

(Figures in lakh Rs.)

Station	Particulars of works	Estimated cost	Allocation in 1997-98
1. Delhi Jn.	Replacement of washable apron on platforms 1,2, 4, 6 & 10	130.51	64.90
	Provision of second entry	124.00	1.00
2. New Delhi	Development of station (Phase II)	1655.77	66.03
	Development of station (Phase III)	1475.13	218.06
	Replacement of washable apron on platforms 2,7, 3, 4, & 5	141.80	59.84
3. Hazrat Nizamuddin	Improvements to circulating area and approach road	406.37	150.00
	Extension of shelter on platforms 2,3, 4 & 5.	33.04	11.00
	Washable apron on platform	24.92	20.92
	Improvement to water supply	24.50	2.00

Works costing below Rs. 50 lakh are expected to be completed by 1998-99 and other works will take two to three years.

(g)	Station	Expenditure in lakh Rs.
	Delhi Jn.	137.00
	New Delhi	870.82
	Hazrat Nizamuddin	426.85

[English]

#### Cracks in Wheels of ABB Engines

2582. SHRI RUPCHAND PAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some of the wheels of ABB engines have developed cracks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken up the matter with the M/s. ABB; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One wheel disc of a freight ABB engine had cracked on 28.6.97.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The matter is under investigation with ABB. The investigation involves detailed metallurgical tests which are under process.

#### **Vizag Power Project**

2583. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether trouble is brewing for the Vizag power project promoted by the Hinduja National Power;

(b) if so, the main hurdles that are coming in the way of smooth running of this project;

(c) whether the 1040 MW Vizag project has been hanging fire for almost a year now following a lack of consensus on the fuel supply agreement; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to clear the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Coal Supply & Transportation Agreement has to be negotiated and settled between M/s. Mahanadi Coalfields Ltds. & M/s Hinduja National Power Corporation Ltd. The provisions of the agreement have also to be acceptable to Railways and Government of Andhra Pradesh. This process has taken time. Government of India have been monitoring the progress and have resolved the major outstanding policy issues relating to the contract.

#### **Fulledge DD Kendra in Asansol**

2584. SHRI HARADHAN ROY :  
SHRI SUNIL KHAN :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a demand to set up a studio at Asansol TV relay centre and make it as a fullledge DD Kendras;

(b) if so, whether the Government are contemplating to fulfil this demand in view of the telecast of local cultural programmes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) While a High Power TV transmitter (HPT) is already operational at Asansol, a request has been received from the Asansol Chamber of Commerce for setting up of a TV studio Centre there.

(b) to (d) TV Studio Centres are initially being set up in State Capitals and major cities depending on availability of resources and interse priorities. There is no approved scheme, at present, to set up a TV Studio Centre at Asansol.

#### **Derailments in Kerala**

2585. SHRI S. AJAY KUMAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware about the frequent derailments in Kerala;

(b) if so, the number of derailments and accidents occurred during each of the last three years;

(c) the persons killed/injured due to these derailments/ accidents;

(d) the losses occurred to the railway properties; and

(e) the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (d) Statistics of trains accidents and related information are maintained railway zone-wise and not State-wise. The relevant information for Southern Railway is as under :

	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
No. of accidents (including derailments)	62	52	40
No. of persons killed	39	77	47
No. of persons injured	74	69	29
Cost of damage to Rly. property (Rs. in crores)	2.37	5.24	6.48